SHARMA): (a) Kerosene is an allocated product. The average monthly allocation and supply for the year 1993-94 works out to around 728 TMT.

The demand of existing domestic LPG customers is being met by and large in full. The LPG demand of domestic customers fluctuates due to seasonality. The average monthly consumption of LPG by domestic customers is about 223 TMT at present.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Kerosene is being supplied through PDS. LPG is being distributed through the dealerships of the Public Sector Oil Companies.

New Petrol Pumps and gas agencies in Himachal Pradesh

2910. SHRI MAHESHWAR SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of places in Himachal Pradesh where Government have decided to sanction new gas agencies, petrol pumps and diesel pumps before 31st March 1994 this year;

(b) whether Government have received proposals from public representatives through Himachal Pradesh Government to open new gas agencies, petrol pumps and diesel pumps at places other than the places mentioned above in Himachal Pradesh; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) Requests are received from time to time from different parts of the country including Himachal Pradesh for setting up new retail outlets and LPG distributorships. After survey, locations meeting the Industry norms are included in the Marketing Plans for opening of dealerships/distributorships. Accordingly, 15 retail outlet and 1 LPG distributorship proposals have been included in the current Marketing Plan for Himachal Pradesh, as under:—

Retail Outlet

1. Ghagas
2. Sujanpurtihra
3. Hamirpur
4. Draman
5. Alampur
6. Dalihara
7. Patlikul
8. Sarchu
9. Nerchowk
10. Shimla Bye Pass
11. Kotkhai
12. Sateun
13. Ponta Sahib
14. Kunihar
15. Una.

LPG Distributorship

1. Shimla.

Building up Domestic Gas Pipeline

2911. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ONGC has signed contract with a British Gas Company;

(b) whether the Global tender for building up domestic gas pipeline had not been invited; and

(c) if so, the facts thereof and details of the terms of joint operation worked out with a British Gas Company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Short fall in export of petroleum products

2912. SHRIMATI ILA PANDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is short fall in the export of petroleum

products this year as against 1991-92; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) As against an export of 2.94 million tonnes in 1991-92, the estimated export of petroleum products during 1993-94 will be about 3.12 million tonnes.

Short selling by petrol and diesel dealers

2913. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of short selling by petrol and diesel dealers in the country;

(b) whether Government have taken/ propose to take action against the dealers, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of action taken against such dealers during the last six months in different parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) 125 cases of short supply and under-weight have come to the notice of the Government. Sales operations by Retail Outlets were placed under suspension and further investigation are in progress.

Complaints against LPG dealers in last six months

2914. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of complaints received against LPG distributors during the last six months area-wise; and

(b) the number of LPG distributorships cancelled and suspended during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) A statement giving information of complaints received against distributors from May to October, 1993 is enclosed. (*See below*)

(b) The number of LPG distributorships suspended are 15 and terminated are 9.

Statement

Complaints against LPG dealers during last six months

S. NO.	State	Total
1.	Andhra Pradesh	25
2.	Assam	02
3.	Bihar	12
4.	Chandigarh	01
5.	Delhi	32
6.	Gujarat	05
7.	Goa	01
8.	Haryana	01
9.	Himachal Pradesh	01
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	01
11.	Karnataka	03
12.	Kerala	43
13.	Maharashtra	115
14.	Madhya Pradesh	45
15.	Rajasthan	29
16.	Tamil Nadu	42
17.	Tripura	01
18.	Uttar Pradesh	73
19.	Orissa	04
20.	Punjab	19
21.	West Bengal	38
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